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A detailed report of Soviet activity [Redacted] for the period 2 to 6 March 1951 follows.

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4-5 March

Westbound rail traffic, Naldichevan to Yerevan: six trains composed of 27 passenger cars, 81 closed cars, 11 coal cars, eight carloads of planks, six tank cars, 17 carloads of trucks, and seven carloads of logs.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Naldichevan: four trains composed of 93 closed cars, two carloads of water pumps, 13 tank cars, and five carloads of iron pipes.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Naldichevan: five trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Naldichevan: three trains composed of 26 closed cars, 14 coal cars, 27 carloads of planks, 24 tank cars, six carloads of jeeps, and 12 carloads of logs.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Naldichevan: four trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Naldichevan to Dzhulfa: five trains composed of 48 closed cars, 20 carloads of plaster, 26 coal cars, and four carloads of jeeps.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Naldichevan to Dzhulfa: four trains of unknown make-up.

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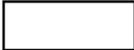
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Westbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Bakhichevan:
two trains composed of 31 closed cars, 13 tank cars.



night Westbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Bakhichevan:
two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Bakhichevan to Yerevan:
two trains composed of 49 closed cars, 17 car-
loads of wood, three tank cars, eight carloads of
coal and five carloads of trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Bakhichevan to Dzhalifa:
three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 19
closed cars, four carloads of yeeps, nine coal
cars, 12 carloads of wood and six tank cars.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Bakhichevan to Dzhalifa:
one train of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhalifa to Bakhichevan:
one train composed of 14 closed cars, six tank
cars and 12 carloads of logs.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhalifa to Bakhichevan:
one train of unknown make-up.

Dzhalifa

8 March

East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Bakhichevan, through Dzhalifa:
one train composed of 14 passenger cars and one
boxcar.

night East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Bakhichevan, through Dzhalifa:
two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhalifa to
Bakhichevan:
two trains composed of 16 boxcars and 12 gondolas,
empty, which were observed lumber, coal, two cars
loaded with fuel containers, and one carload of
agricultural machinery.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhalifa to Ordubad:
one locomotive.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhalifa:
one train composed of seven boxcars, 24 gondolas,
and one tank car.

Eastbound rail traffic, Bakhichevan to Dzhalifa:
one train composed of two boxcars and 15 gondolas,
empty, which were two cars loaded with motors.

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East and westbound rail traffic, between Ordubad
and Bakhichevan, through Dzhalifa:
one train composed of 13 passenger cars and one
boxcar



two cars loaded
and 31 gondolas loaded

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhalifa to Ordubad:
one switch engine pulling a gondola.

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Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
one train composed of 29 boxcars, three carloads
of trucks, two tank cars, and six gondolas loaded
with coal; two swiss engines each pulling a gondola.

night Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
two trains of unknown make-up.

night Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
three trains of unknown make-up.

5 March Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa:
one train composed of 14 passenger cars and one
boxcar.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
six trains composed of 107 boxcars, 44 gondolas,
and four tank cars.

night Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
four trains of unknown make-up.

5. Shah Rud

3-4 March Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 73 box-
cars, 57 covered cars, 4 tank cars, 12 carloads of
wooden poles, two carloads of trucks, 47 covered
cars, 115 tank cars, 16 gondolas, among which
were two tractors, and one carload of trucks; one
swiss engine pulling a passenger car; one loco-
motive.

5 March Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 44 box-
cars, 11 gondolas loaded with wooden poles, and 4
tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
two trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 23 boxcars,
14 covered cars, 55 tank cars, and six gondolas,
among which was observed one truck.

6. Khuda Afarin

3 March Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
two trains composed of 13 passenger cars and one
boxcar.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
one train composed of 14 boxcars, 16 empty gondolas
and five carloads of tractors.

The second-in-command of the Soviet border post
opposite Iranian Larijan (39-16N, 47-08E),
Maj. Konovalov, has been replaced by Lt. Col.
Kachikov.

4 March Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
two trains composed of 31 boxcars, one tank car,
two carloads of tractors, one car loaded with
diesel engines, and two gondolas.

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Backbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
two trains, composed of 15 boxcars, three car-
loads of plaster, and six gondolas.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 23 box-
cars, 50 gondolas, and 25 tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
one train composed of 20 boxcars and 22 gondolas
carrying wood, coal, plaster, iron, and one
harvester.

More than one hundred families have been settled
by the Soviets at the village of Hasslu and at the
village of Shanlu opposite Safarlu, five kilometers
east of Khamarta (all these villages are unlocated).
South of these villages the Soviets are installing
barbed wire along a one kilometer front.

3. Urmel

3 March

Recently the Soviets have increased their activity
along the border. Since the night of 22 February,
Soviet posts have been signaling continually to
one another with mirrors.

4. Astara

3 March

North and southbound road traffic, between Lenkoran
and Astara:
two jeeps, four trucks, two carts, and one ambulance
carrying five officers, 29 armed and 10 unarmed
soldiers, and gunny sacks; one truck carrying a
wireless set.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahallich:
three trucks carrying 14 armed soldiers; two armed
soldiers on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic, between Masjed
Mahallich and the last post west:
one truck and two carts carrying 35 armed soldiers.

Maj. Shirbakov, deputy commander of the Soviet
border guards at Astara, lodged a verbal protest
with his Iranian counterpart over the infringement
of Soviet territorial waters by a boat of the
Shilat Fishery.

At 1900, 2000 and 2030 hours searchlights were
played over the area four times.

4 March

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara:
four jeeps and nine trucks carrying 12 officers,
68 armed soldiers, empty sacks, and food; one
group of armed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahallich to the
last post west:
one jeep, three trucks and five carts carrying one
officer, 32 armed and eight unarmed soldiers, bricks,
sand, and lime; two armed officers on horseback.

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1. Ashkhabad

2. Train

Westbound rail traffic, Kaskha to Ashkhabad: six trains composed of 15 passenger cars, three tank cars, and 50 boxcars, of which three cars were loaded with trucks, one with jeeps, 12 with wood, two with iron, one was empty, and the remainder were covered.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaskha: four trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 33 tank cars, 71 covered cars, one carload of iron bars, and two empty cars.

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East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaskha and Ashkhabad: nine trains of unknown make-up.

Seven locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

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